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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 323
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A RESOLUTION To bestow the heartiest congratulatuions of the Tennessee General Assembly upon Valerie Helton for her selection as the 2001 Oakdale High School salutatorian.

WHEREAS, Tennessee students who exhibit exceptional academic ability and serve as outstanding leaders in extracurricular activities are deserving of special appreciation because they reflect great credit on themselves, and their respective schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, One such noble student leader is Valerie Helton, the 2001 Oakdale High School Salutatorian; and

WHEREAS, Valerie is a member of the Beta Club, is President of the 4-H Club, was President of her Junior Class, is Vice-President of her Senior Class, and is the highly regarded Co-President of the Student Council; and

WHEREAS, She has generously contributed her time and leadership as a member of Oakdale's Division of the Rural School and Community Trust for three years, and has been a valued member of the school's Yearbook staff for five years; and

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WHEREAS, Valerie has been a staff member of the school's newspaper, *The Eagle* for three years, two of which she served as Editor, and she has expertly kept statistics for the school's Softball Team for five years and the girls' Basketball Team for four years; and

WHEREAS, Her extracurricular activities include the Math Team, the Foreign Language Club, and the Bible Club; and

WHEREAS, Valerie has been a nominee for *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for four years, was the school's Delegate to Volunteer Girls' State, and her classmates voted her "Most Talented" and "Most Dependable"; and

Whereas, She serves God as an active member of White Oak Baptist Church, where she regularly fills in as pianist; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, she plans to attend Berea College in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, She is the daughter of proud parents, James and Sandra Helton; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to specially honor one of Tennessee's best and brightest students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Valerie Helton on her selection as the 2001 Oakdale High School Salutatorian and extend our best wishes to her for future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.